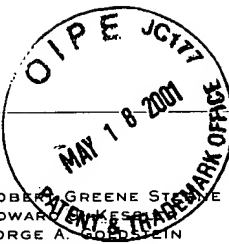


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For: **Embedded Quadtree Wavelets in Image Compression**
Inventors: Wang *et al.*
Our Ref: 1556.0270000

Sir:

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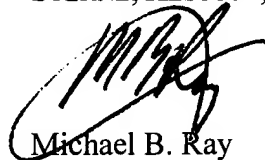
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ASSIGNMENT

In consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) or equivalent and other good and valuable consideration paid to each of the undersigned inventors: (1) Meng WANG and (2) Yi XIONG, the undersigned inventors hereby sells and assigns to Digital Accelerator Corporation, Suite 904, 1055 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver, British Columbia V7X 1J1 CANADA (the Assignee) his/her entire right, title and interest, including the right to sue for past infringement and to collect for all past, present and future damages:

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The undersigned inventors hereby represent that he/she has full right to convey the entire interest herein assigned, and that he/she has not executed, and will not execute, any agreement in conflict therewith.

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Digital Accelerator Corporation, a corporation of Canada, having a principal place of business at Suite 904, 1055 Dunsmuir Street, Vancouver, British Columbia V7X 1J1 CANADA, is assignee of the entire right, title, and interest for the United States of America (as defined in 35 U.S.C. §100), by reason of an Assignment to the Assignee executed on (1) 4/25/01 and (2) 4/28/01 of an invention known as Embedded Quadtree Wavelets in Image Compression (Attorney Docket No. 1556.0270000), which is disclosed and claimed in a patent application of the same title by the inventors (1) Meng WANG and (2) Yi XIONG (said application filed on February 12, 2001 at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, having Application Number to be assigned, which is the U.S. national phase of PCT/CA99/00739, international filing date August 10, 1999).

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